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Applicant: Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam
Application No.: 09/618,361
Filed: July 18, 2000
Title: COMPOUNDS FOR CONTROL OF APPETITE, BLOOD
PRESSURE, CARDIOVASCULAR RESPONSE, LIBIDO, AND
CIRCADIAN RHYTHM
Art Unit: 1653
Examiner: Chih-Min Kam
Atty. Docket No.: UOC-136R

October 10, 2001

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2001.

The Examiner stated in the Office Action that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions: Group I, including claims 1, 2, 12-15 and 18-24; Group II, including claims 3, 5, 16 and 18-24; Group III, including claims 4, 6, 17 and 18-24; Group IV, including claims 7, 8 and 18-24; Group V, including claims 9-11 and 18-24; Group VI, including claims 25-30; Group VII, including claims 31-36; and Group VIII, including claims 37-39. The Examiner further stated that restriction to one of the

above-listed groups is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Additionally, regardless of which of the above groups is elected, the Examiner has required that the applicant designate one compound defined by those claims, as referenced by its amino acid sequence.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I without traverse. Group I includes claims 1, 2, 12-15 and 18-24. Further, applicant hereby designates the following compounds defined by those claims, as referenced by its amino acid sequence; N- α -Ac-Trp-Arg-Tyr-NH₂.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions or remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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